GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1137
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POSITION OF FISCAL DEFICIT AFTER THE ECONOMIC REFORMS Q U E S T I O N
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the fiscal deficit of all the States and the Central Government has been reduced after the economic reforms;

(b) if so, the details thereof since, 1990;

(c) whether the non-plan expenditure in the maintenance staff strength of Central Government is increasing on their wages since 1996-97;

(d) if so, the steps taken to reduce to non-plan expenditure since the 100 percent reduction in the staff strength of the Central could not be achieved since1995-96; and

(e) if not, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL)

(a) to (e) A Statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1137 FOR 23RD NOVEMBER, 2001

(a) & (b) The gross fiscal deficit of Centre and States during 1990-91 to 2001-02 is as follows:

Centre	States	Combined Gross fiscal deficit (Centre and States)	
(Rs. crore)			
1990-91	37606	18787	53580 (9.4)
1991-92	30844	18900	45850 (7.0)
1992-93	35909	20891	52404 (7.0)
1993-94	55257	20596	70952 (8.3)
1994-95	48030	27697	71639 (7.1)
1995-96	50253	31426	77671 (6.5)
1996-97	56242	37251	87244 (6.4)
1997-98	73204	44200	110743 (7.3)
1998-99	89560	74254	157053 (8.9)
1999-2000	104717	91480	184826 (9.4)
2000-2001			
(RE)	111972	95277	199569 (9.1)
2001-2002			
(BE)	116314	96073	203684 (8.2)

Includes Gross Fiscal Deficit of Centre and States minus net lending from Centre to States.
RE: Revised estimates; BE: Budget Estimates Note: 1. The fiscal deficit of Centre excludes the transfer of States` share in smal savings collection.

2. Figures in brackets are percentages to GDP at current market prices.
(b) The non-plan expenditure towards pay and allowances of the Central Government as per the Budget documents (Expenditure Budget-Volume 1) is as follows:

Year	Pay	Allowances (other than travel expenses)
(Rs. crore)		
1996-97	6599.75	12446.14
1997-98	17271.28	8658.75
1998-99	19440.49	9463.73
1999-2000	19306.85	12193.30
2000-01(RE)	17929.62	11150.15
2001-02(BE)	18387.19	12347.03

(d) & (e) It is Government`s constant endeavour to contain non-plan, non-developmental expenditure. It is in this context that, along with other measures, instructions for austerity in Government expenditure have been issued from time to time. The austerity measures include ban on the creation of posts, reduction in the number of sanctioned post, restrictions on the filling up of vacant posts, reduction in office expenses, restrictions on purchase of vehicles, restrictions on foreign travel and on entertainment/hospitality expenses etc.